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YOU SHOULD TELL ROKG THAT WHILE DECISION IS FOR IT TO
MAKE, WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING U.S. VIEWS SHOULD BE
WEIGHED CAREFULLY:

A. CENTRAL PURPOSE OF ARAB OIL STRATEGY IS TO
BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON USG, BOTH DIRECTLY AND THROUGH
ITS FRIENDS AND ALLIES, TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL TO ACCEPT
ARAB/ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO ARAB COUNTRIES.
FACT OF MATTER, HOWEVER, IS THAT USG HAS ALREADY FULLY
ENGAGED ITSELF IN EFFORTS TO STABILIZE CEASEFIRE AND
WORK FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THAT WILL MEET LEGITIMATE
CONCERNS OF ARAB STATES AS WELL AS ISRAEL. SECRETARY'S
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RECENT MID-EAST TRIP AND SUCCESS IN OBTAINING EGYPTIAN

AND ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO SIX-POINT PROPOSAL ON CEASEFIRE
AND POW EXCHANGE ARE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF OUR COMMITMENT
TO PEACE-MAKING PROCESS.

B. OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE PLAY EFFECTIVE ROLE,
WHICH ARABS MUST RECOGNIZE ONLY USG IS IN POSITION TO DO,
WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED UNLESS OIL PRESSURES ON US
AND OUR FRIENDS ARE RELAXED. THE MORE OUR FRIENDS GIVE IN

TO THESE PRESSURES, THE MORE THIS WILL ENCOURAGE ARAB
GOVERNMENTS TO PURSUE THEIR OIL STRATEGY EVEN FURTHER
AND TO APPLY GREATER PRESSURES EVERY TIME THERE IS NEW
IMPASSE AFTER NEGOTIATIONS GET STARTED. NEGOTIATIONS
CONDUCTED IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE AND INTOLERABLE FOR USG. IT WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN SUCH
CIRCUMSTANCES AND WE WOULD HAVE TO ABANDON OUR EFFORTS.

C. IT IS THEREFORE CLEAR THAT BEST CHANCE FOR
PROGRESS IS FOR ALL CONCERNED TO STAND TOGETHER
AGAINST OIL PRESSURES. WE HAVE NOW REACHED POINT
WHERE THERE IS HOPE FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARDS
SETTLEMENT AND FOR EASING OF OIL PRESSURES IF OUR
FRIENDS WILL STAND FIRM. WE ARE CLOSE TO GETTING
NEGOTIATIONS STARTED -- WE BELIEVE IN A MATTER OF WEEKS
-- AND WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ONCE A CONFERENCE
AMONG PARTIES CONCERNED IS CONVENED AND NEGOTIATING
PROCESS STARTED, SOME RELIEF FROM OIL PRESSURES IS A
REALISTIC POSSIBILITY. THIS HOPE WILL BE SERIOUSLY
JEOPARDIZED, HOWEVER, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE SUSTAINED
US BACKING, AND OUR BACKING IS NOT POSSIBLE IF OUR
FRIENDS, BY GIVING IN TO OIL PRESSURES, ENCOURAGE A
CONTINUATION AND STEPPING UP OF THOSE PRESSURES.

D. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE ROKG SHOULD
AVOID PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ARAB/ISRAELI QUESTIONS AT
THIS TIME OR, AT MOST, LIMIT ANY STATEMENT TO EVEN-
HANDED SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED ON
SECURITY COUNCIL RES. 242 OF NOV. 22, 1967 AND 338 OF
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